(b) whether all these companies are loss incurring and cannot be revitalised ; and

(c) what are the other details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) There is at present no proposal to privatise any of the Central public Sector Enterprises.

Referring of sick PSUs to BIFR

512. DR. BAPU KALDATE :

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY :

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 102 given in the Raiya Sabha on the 28th November, 1991 and state :

(a) what were the accumulated losses suffered by these sick public sector units which are proposed to be referred to the BIFR ;

(b) whether FICCI and ASSOCHAM have made certain suggestions for exit policy besides referring the sick units to BIFR ; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features thereof and what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The toal accumulated losses of 50 Central public sector enterprises referred to in reply to Raiya Sabha Starred Question No. 102, dated 28-11-1991 were Rs. 7224.37 crores by the end of March, 1990.

(b) Department of Public Enterprises has not received any suggestion for exit policy from FICCI and ASSOCHAM.

(c) Does not arise.

Industrial Growth Centres

513. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

DR. Z. A. AHMAD :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued notification in 1989 for opening 22 more Industrial Growth Centres in the country ;

(b) if so, the places of these Growth Centres ;

(c) whether the Growth Centres set up for promoting industrialisation of backward areas have started functioning ; and

(d) if not, at what stages are these Centres at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) to (d) In October, 1989, the number of Growth Centres was increased from 61 to 70. Out of these, locations of 64 Growth Centres have been approved and a list showing selected growth centres State-wise is given in the Statement (*see* below)

These growth centres will be developed during the Eighth Five Year Plan. The project reports received from the State Governments in respect of 10 growth centres have been approved and Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 15 crores has been released to these approved growth-centres.